

UFO'S INVADE

AND TV GETS A DOSE OF SCI-FI

LOVERS OF science-fiction have had lean television fare in Australia in recent months.

Now the Ten Network is providing them with a feast — an eight-hour mini-series in two four-hour sittings.

V, produced by Warner Bros, is screening in Melbourne this week and

will be seen later around Australia.

It opens with a "friendly invasion" of Earth as 31 huge spaceships — each of them carrying thousands of aliens — land at strategic cities across the globe.

The visitors, not unlike humans, offer to swap advanced scientific and medical knowledge for help in manufacturing a chemical compound no longer available on their home planet but important to their continued existence.

However, all is not as it appears.

A newsman discovers that the aliens

are wearing masks that hide lizard-like features, and learns that the chemical substance they are supposed to need so badly is being thrown away.

Then it is learned that scientists are disappearing and that friendly youths have been asked to inform on humans criticising the visitors.

A resistance movement is formed to oppose the aliens.

• **BELOW:** A victim of the aliens needs a helping hand. **LEFT:** Two of the invaders stands ready for trouble. **BOTTOM LEFT:** A view of some of the shuttle craft disgorged by the mother ship. **BOTTOM:** When the aliens' masks are removed, it is not a pretty sight.

